

BOUGHTERAGH & DRUMREILLY LOWER PARISH NEWSLETTER**12th Oct 2025****Aughawillan - Aughnasheelin - Ballinamore & Corraleeahan****28th Sun.OT***13th St Edwards, 14th St Callistus I, 15th St Teresa of Avila, 16th St Gall, St Gerard Majella, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, 17th St Ignatius, 18th St Luke***Fr. Seán Mawn P.P.****Home 071-96 81992 Mob 087-686 9040****Fr. Malachy Moses C.C. Mob 087-490 4380****Fr. John Mc Mahon (Carrigallen)****Tel: 049-43 39610 Mob. 086-212 6582****Website: ballinamoreparish.com****Join us live, @ churchtv.ie Select Leitrim, then Aughawillan, Aughnasheelin, Ballinamore or Corraleeahan****BALLINAMORE ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH Mass times: Mon & Wed, 7pm - Tue, Thur & Fri 9am - Sat & Sun 11am****Mass Intentions****Sat 11th Oct 11am**

In Memory of the deceased Sisters of Mercy

Sun 12th Oct 11am

Josie McGovern and her daughter Deirdre Meehan (Camagh)

McGourty families (Aughnasheelin & Co. Meath) and Early families (Mohill) and all deceased family members

Wed 15th Oct 7pm

James, Tess & Patrick Conway (St Brigid St) and all deceased member of the Conway and Dolan families. Mary & Matt Fegan, Mellican.

Sat 18th Oct 11am

John Cumiskey

John & Claire Creamer

Sun 19th Oct 11am

Thomas, Mary & Peter McCaffrey (Stradermot)

Eucharistic Adoration:**Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30am****Ministers of the Eucharist:** 12th Oct Michael Duignan, Peggy Ferguson & Máirín Martin, 19th Oct Thomas Kelly, Deirdre Harvey & Mona Creamer, 26th Oct Patricia Griffin, James Maguire & Brendan Sweeney.**Ministers of the Word:** 12th Oct Mary Conlon, 19th Oct Mary McKiernan 26th Oct Michael Dolan, 2nd Nov Marie Sweeney**Door Collectors:** 12th Oct Brendan Sweeney, Sean Kavanagh & Damien Hamill, 19th & 26th Oct Seamus McTague, Michael Gillen, PJ Duignan & Eugene Maxwell, 2nd & 9th Nov Felim Maxwell & John Galligan**AUGHNASHEELIN****ST. MARY'S CHURCH****Mass times: Fri 7pm - Sat 8:15pm****Mass Intentions****Fri 10th Oct 7pm**

Roseanne & John Murphy and Katie & Pat Sammon (Derrinkeher McDonnell)

Hughie & Tessie Doherty (Kiltybarden)

Frank & Nora Gannon, Matthew Dolan and Katie Gannon

Sat 11th Oct 8:15pm

Gerard Smyth (Drumdarton) his grandparents Francie & Margaret Smyth and John, Jimmy, Mary & Liz Smyth.

Margaret Creamer (Foxwood)

Fri 17th Oct 7pm

Paddy & Joseph Brogan (Drumkeen) and all deceased family members

Michael & Joan Moran (Drumbibe) and all deceased family members

Sat 18th Oct 8:18pmPádraic Mulvey (Foxwood) 2nd AnniversaryMary Murray (Kiltybarden) 4th Anniversary**Eucharistic Adoration:****Wednesdays, 11am - 12noon and 8pm - 10pm****Eucharistic Ministers:** 11th & 18th Oct Mary Rooney & Breda Mulvanerty 25th Oct & 1st Nov Caroline Sammon & Kerry Meehan **Readers:** Breda Mulvanerty & Mary Mulvey **Door Collectors:** Seamus Prior, Eddie Dolan & Keilan Mulvanerty**CORRALEECHAN****ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH****Mass times:****Wed 9:30am****Sun 9:45am****Mass Intentions****Sun 12th Oct 9:45am**

Alice & John Joe Creamer (Kiltyhugh)

Sun 19th Oct 9:45am

Jack Prior (Derradda) his brother Packie and all deceased Prior family members

Eucharistic Adoration:**Wednesdays, 10am - 8pm (please come along and join us, everybody welcome)****Eucharistic Ministers:** Carmel McNiff & Philomena Dolan**Altar Society:** Assumpta Bohan & Claire McNiffe**Ministers of the Word:** Helen McGovern & Sean McNiff**Door Collectors:** Conor McGovern & Ciarán Dolan**AUGHAWILLAN****ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH****Mass time:****Sat 7pm****Mass Intentions****Sat 11th Oct 7pm**

Seamus McTague (Killaphort)

Thomas & Alice Flanagan and their sons Francie & Thomas Joseph.

Thomas McGovern (Drumarigna)

John & Mary McGovern (Corramahon)

Sat 18th Oct 7pm

Rita McGovern, James McGovern, Eileen McGovern and Catherine Maguire (Garadice)

James Stringer (Boeshill)

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Stringer & Angels Makay Sutherland**Door Collectors:** John Stringer & Pat Flanagan**Altar Society:** Mary Sammon Quinn & Cathy Quinn**Ministers of the Word:** Ava Gaffney & Rachel Dolan**MASS OF CONSOLATION:** for the bereaved takes place in Aughnasheelin church on Friday Nov 21st at 8pm.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITED BISHOP MARTIN, WHO VISITED OUR PARISH ON FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

RECENT DEATH: We pray for the repose of the soul of Desmond {Des} Ward, (Castleknock) and formerly of Mullinasella whose funeral took place on Friday, also, Br Tony Dolan, (Mountbellew) and formerly of Aughnasheelin, whose funeral took place on Monday last. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

RECENT BAPTISM: We welcome Thomas Frank Quinn into our Christian community and congratulate his family on this joyous occasion.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: Pope Leo is asking Catholics, individuals, families and communities throughout the world to pray the rosary during this month of October for peace.

MARY'S MEALS: From now until Christmas, donations for Mary's Meals can be dropped into Scorpio Boutique, The Square, Ballinamore.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support missionaries overseas. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Please be as generous as you can to the Mission Collection next weekend 18th/19th October. Thank you.

PARISH MISSION: It is just one week until our Parish Mission begins on 19th October until the 24th - incorporating our schools, our community and our churches. Facilitated by NET Ministries. Programme of events is now displayed in each church porches and available on our parish website, Facebook and Churchtv.ie.

PRAYERS FOR THE PRE-SYNODAL ASSEMBLY: of the Catholic Church in Ireland. All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18th Oct, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

COPIES OF THE 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR EACH CHURCH NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH

COMMUNITY NOTES

ATHLETIC CLUB: Training has resumed at the Den and St Felim's with cross country training both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Preparation for the Connacht Championships on Oct 26th in Enniscrone and Nov 9th in Ballinrobe racecourse. New members welcome each evening.

TIN WHISTLE/ FIDDLE CLASSES: in Seán O'Heslins GAA Clubroom. **TIN WHISTLE** starting Fri 19th Sept. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced welcome. **FIDDLE LESSONS** starting Mon 15th Sept. Beginners and Intermediate welcome. To book either classes please text or ring Sarah at 083 4835881.

BALLINAMORE HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING: will be held at John and Helena D'Arcy's home at Fohera Lane, on Sat 18th Oct 2025 between 12 and 2pm, (N41H951). All are welcome to support this very deserving cause and last year we raised €3000 with your very generous support. If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation by cheque, please make it payable to North West Hospice.

LEITRIM CALLING: would like to hear from people who would be willing to get involved as a volunteer on our Befriending Visitation Service - it is a one hour per week commitment visiting an older person in their home for company and chat. Full training and support is provided. For further details please contact: Marion on 087 9585029 or email: leitrimcalling@gmail.com

HEDGE CUTTING SCHEME: This scheme is now open - to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to individual applicants, communities and groups. **New grants available this year** so please contact roads@leitrimcoco.ie or phone 071-9620005 Ext. 630. **Closing Date is 30th Jan 2026.**

MEITHEAL: is a Tusla led process for children and families who may need support. Meitheal enables families to identify what is working well - and no so well, and work towards changes they would like to see happen for their child or young person. For more information on Meitheal please call 087-6562844 or email meitheal.ppfs@tusla.ie

COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB: every second Tues from 11am-1pm Tuesdays: 21st Oct, 4th & 19th Nov, 2nd, 16th & 30th Dec. **Basic First Aid Training** - Two basic first aid training courses available in the Den, Ballinamore on: Thurs 23rd Oct & Sat 1st Nov. €10 non-refundable booking fee. To book call 0894635009 or email managerpeaceimpact@gmail.com

AN TOBAR NUA: We provide **confidential counselling nationwide** via telephone and Zoom. Our service is **donation-based**, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support. If you are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, we are here to help, please telephone: 091-562 175

ISLAND THEATRE: Three solo exhibitions opening 10th Oct at 7:30pm. Acorn Players present Loophole – 18 Oct, The Drifters Anniversary Tour - 25 Oct 2025, Legends of American Country - 9 Nov 2025, A celebration of Father Ted - Joe Rooney - 15 Nov 2025, Abba Tribute - The Bjorn Identity - 29 Nov 2025. www.islandtheatre.ie

DRUMEELA GARDEN CLUB: Therese Johnston will speak at our next meeting in Teach Duchas Drumeela (H12 DP84) on Wed, Oct 8th at 8.30pm. Therese has turned a space into a beautiful flower and productive vegetable garden, over a short space of time. Come along and listen to Therese where she will share this gardening journey with us. Refreshments and raffle afterwards. Everyone welcome.

REFLECTION

Parish Office Hours:

Open – Mon, Thurs & Fri 9am-4pm

Closed – Tue & Wed

Phone: 071-9644039

ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

Heavenly Father, I know that I have neglected to thank You for so many blessings. You've blessed me and waited for me to run back to You with thanks, and I've gone my way. I've taken You for granted. Please forgive me. Put thankfulness into my heart and soul. Let me speak it, sing it, and live it. That I might be a visible not silent example of one whom You have healed. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Ref:

www.jesuswark.com

All New items for the Newsletter should be dropped into the Parish Office, Convent Road or emailed before 12 noon on Thursdays to ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie the editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter

ADDITIONAL PARISH AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & FAMILIES: as requested by Our Lady of Fatima via interior Locutions to Fr Stefano Gobbi will take place on the **last Monday** of each month. Our next date is **27th October, 2025** after 7pm Mass in Prayer Room Ballinamore Church. All are welcome.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS: Please pick up a copy of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter or see catholicbishops.ie to download the four-page resource and to access the video series - 'Sunday Mass - Digging Deeper,' also available by following the video links on our parish Facebook Page.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FORM: We wish to thank those who have taken the time to complete the CHY3 form which is being sent with the annual acknowledgement letters at present. Whether you are self-employed or a PAYE tax payer, you can help the church in your area by completing the CHY3 form and returning it to the parish office. This does not give us access to any of your tax details or your personal tax data in any way. If you donate in excess of €250 per annum to the church and pay tax to Revenue, the CHY3 form can be used by the church to reclaim some of the tax you pay, and any money reclaimed is paid directly to the church account for your area.



NEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: Our new **Oughteragh and Drumreilly Lower Parish** Facebook Page was launched recently. Please like our new page and share our upcoming events.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: There are still some places available on the forthcoming Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Rome from Thurs 20th to Wed 26th Nov 2025 which will be led by Bishop Martin Hayes. If you wish to book a place (or places) on the pilgrimage, contact Marian Pilgrimages in Dublin directly and as soon as possible on (01) 878 8159. Price: €1,855.00 per person sharing on half-board basis.

EXCITING NEWS! Abide in His Love Women's Conference happening for a second year – November 21-23. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty and gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Check out Eventbrite for tickets and more information.

CAVAN FAMINE AIDS APPEAL: Due to a shortage of collectors we will not be holding our annual church gate collection this year. We are asking people to donate instead online <https://www.idonate.ie/CavanFamineAidsAppeal> (Registered charity no. 20103903). Funds will be used by three Christian charities in Africa where a euro goes a long way to educate & train nurses, feed hungry children & provide health care to the sick in Kenya, Nigeria & Zambia.



WAYS OF SUPPORTING the PARISH FINANCIALLY: The traditional way to support your parish is by contributing through your weekly envelope collection. Thanks to all who do so, so generously each week. In recent times some people set up a SO/EFT to pay, please contact parish office at **071 964 4039** / ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie, or you scan the QRcode with your smartphone, <https://churchtv.ie/>, follow the links for your Church to make a donation. The light a candle feature lets you light a candle in Ballinamore Church from anywhere, 24/7.

ST PATRICKS CHURCH BALLINAMORE: along with the Cathedral of St. Patrick & Felim, Cavan, St. Anne's Church, Bailieboro and St Clare's Church, Manorhamilton have been decreed as Jubilee Churches. You can obtain a Jubilee Indulgence by visiting one of these sacred spaces. Leaflets with more information on the how to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence and how to participate in Special Jubilee Activities are available in each church porch.

BOOKING ANNIVERSARY MASSES: As you are aware we have shared mass intentions in our churches at the weekends. We try to limit the number of intentions to a maximum of three. To maintain this arrangement please book anniversary masses well in advance of your preferred time. Priests are allowed one mass stipend or donation per day, when we have shared intentions the extra donations are sent to retired or missionary Priests, who celebrate the extra Masses. Please book your Masses via email ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie or phone **071 964 4039**

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Facilitated by members of the Council for Marriage and The Family. Our next upcoming Weekend in The Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, Nov. 7th-9th, 2025. Register to attend at www.marriageencounter.ie. Open to all married couples.

THE YOUNG PARENTS SUPPORT PROGRAMME: offers support to young parents who are expecting a baby or already have a child. This support can include but not limited to pre- and post-natal support, independent living and education/training. This is a free and confidential service. If you would like to get involved contact: lindahalstead@homeyouthliaisonservice.ie or 087 7917000

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY: A really interesting event will take place in Ballinamore Library on Wednesday October 8th at 7.30pm. In partnership with Cumann Seanchais Bhreifne, Liam McNiffe will present a talk '1852 Leitrim Election'. Among the topics covered: - this was public and not a secret vote; Landlord and Clerical influence on tenants and the names of Ballinamore voters and who they voted for. Free event and all are welcome.

BALLINAMORE LIBRARY FREE CLASSES AND EVENTS: Irish Classes for those new to Ireland: Every Tuesday 5-7pm. **Improve your digital skills:** Fridays 10-1pm. **Build a stronger more mobile you:** Fridays, 11-12pm. **Friends of Breastfeeding Meeting:** Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 10-12pm. **Women and Bone Health:** Wednesday 22nd October at 11am. **Ballinamore Writers Group:** meet every Saturday at 10am. For details regarding any Free Library events please contact: 071-9650476.

AUGHNASHEELIN SOCIAL DANCING: Classes return to Aughnasheelin Community Centre on Wed 10th Sept at 8.30pm. Come along and learn to Jive, Waltz, Quickstep and many more dances. Everyone welcome.

BALLINAMORE GREENWAY PARKRUN & WALK: each Saturday at 9.30am - looking forward to seeing you there

AUGHAWILLAN WHIST: second Tues of the month at 8:30pm. New members always welcome.

BALLINAMORE WHIST DRIVE: first Thurs of each month at 8:30pm in the Island Theatre. New members welcome.

AUGHAWILLAN BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTERSCHOOL: A new afterschool facility will open in Aughawillan Community Centre this coming September. We are putting out an appeal for some toys, books and board games that you may wish to donate to our new afterschool. Email aughawillancommunitychildcare@gmail.com to arrange drop off of donations. We're very grateful for all the support and thank you in advance.

SING TOGETHER: Monthly, Saturday Morning Drop Ins at the Island Theatre 11-12.30pm, 18th Oct, 15th Nov. All Welcome. No experience needed. More information 087-7620523.

AUGHNASHEELIN NS RE-TURN BIN: There is a yellow Re-Turn bin located on school grounds. All proceeds from the bottles and cans collected in this bin go directly to supporting our school and meeting the needs of our students. If you'd like to contribute, please consider disposing of your eligible bottles and cans in this bin. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Every donation helps, thank you.

WESTPORT AUTUMN ESCAPE: Sat 25th – Mon 27th Oct 2025. **Organised group travel from Cavan.** Guided tour of the Westport & Achill region. Stories, shared dinners, outdoor activity - indoor relaxation! Enquire today: 087 061 7300 or book online: awaytogether.ie/upcoming-tours.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: are currently **recruiting for Community Homecare Workers** to provide support to our clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Essential Requirements: Qualifications – QQI Care of The Older Person and Care Skills Modules completed, must have own car and Full Driving Licence. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

ALONE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ALONE are seeking volunteers for 1 hour per week, in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up on <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, please contact Collette directly on: collette.ferguson@alone.ie or on 086 1921505.

BAKE IT PINK: Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st – 31st. Bake for friends or bake with friends and raise some "dough" for Breast Cancer Awareness. Why not register for The Very Pink Run, 6th Sept, Dublin, at verypinkrun.ie. For further information, go to breastcancerireland.com.

FRIENDS OF BREASTFEEDING MEETING: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 10-12pm. Ballinamore Library. All nursing mothers and toddler's welcome. Tuesday 9th September, Talk by Doula in Training Leoni Krystoff, 'Tending to the Mother'. Refreshments Served.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ADDICTED TO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION: M-PACT, a FREE eight-week, whole family support programme. Helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. If interested or would like further information. Please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com

AUGHNASHEELIN ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP (AGE 50+ FOR MEN AND WOMEN): Interested in joining this new group in Aughnasheelin? This group has great plans for social activities, trips, being active, with new and exciting things to do, fostering community well-being and enabling members to get out and meet people in a social setting. Tea and chat - All welcome.

PUBLIC VIGIL: for the people of Palestine, at Ballinamore bridge, each Saturday evening, 6pm. All welcome.

LIFE COACH: creating inclusive, uplifting gatherings where everyone is welcome—whether you move, sit, sway, or simply enjoy the moment. These events are designed to support your wellbeing, create connection, and lift your spirit. If this speaks to you, I'd love to hear from you. Please email transformationalYES@gmail.com with a "Yes" and the name of your townland.

SCOIL CHLANN NAOFA, BALLINAMORE: is accepting applications for admission to our school for the 2025/26 school year. Please contact **071 964 5001** or email info@coilchlannnaofa.com for an enrolment pack. Thank you.

AUGHAWILLAN N.S. are now taking Enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment forms are now available by e-mailing: aughawillanns@gmail.com or contacting the office on 071 9644246.

ST. MARY'S N.S. AUGHNASHEELIN: is now accepting enrolments for September 2025. Enrolment forms are available by contacting the school at, 071 9644868 or by email to, office@stmarysnsaughnasheelin.com

SENIORLINE: a national telephone service for older people open every day 10am-10pm, Freephone **1800 80 45 91**. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to other helpful services.

TEMPLEPORT SOCIAL SERVICES-DAY CENTRE: on Wednesdays. Usual transport schedule. Any queries contact Ann Maguire **087 765 5096** or Anne Smith **087 285 7471**. Looking forward to seeing you all.

LEITRIM CALLING'- befriending visitation project seek Volunteers to provide a home visit for one hour per week. The Volunteer will be matched with an older person (client) in the Ballinamore area and through mutual interests. The Volunteer will be provided with full training. The Volunteer will be introduced to the client by the Coordinator on the first visit and then will continue as suits all. Please apply on www.ivol.ie or contact Claire @ claire@volunteerleitrim.ie

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact **057 93 70221** and hear how we can support you or for more info visit. www.familycarers.ie

MUVE HEALTHCARE provides homecare services in the local area. If you are looking for a carer or nurse for your relative or loved one, please contact Caroline O'Neill, Head of Homecare on **089 611 1647** for more details. Our website is www.muvehealthcare.ie

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